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SUBJECT: ATHENS MEETING ON KAGNEW

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1. ASMARA CONSUL GENERAL SHERRY HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING  
REPORT ON ATHENS MEETING OCTOBER 29 OF CISCO, NAVCOMMSTA  
AND CONGEN ASMARA REPS:

A. MEETING HELD, AS SCHEDULED ON OCT. 29 AT NAVCOMMSTA,  
NEA MAKRI, GREECE. IN ATTENDANCE WERE MESSRS. ROBERT  
CAULFIELD AND JOHN DALE OF CISCO DALLAS; ROBERT BAKER  
AND DOUGLAS MCCALISTER OF CISCO ASMARA, CAPT. MCQUILLEN,  
THE OIC, CDR. EMMERSON, AND LT. LOVE OF NAVCOMMSTA  
NEA MAKRI; AND MYSELF. CAULFIELD, A CISCO VICE PRESIDENT,  
OPENED THE MEETING WITH AN ACCOUNT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS  
IN WASHINGTON ON THE SUBJECT OF CISCO ACTING AS AN INTERMEDIARY  
WITH THE PLF IN CONNECTION WITH TRYING TO EFFECT THE RELEASE  
OF CAMPBELL AND HARRELL. AS WE LEARNED FROM THE TELE-  
GRAPHIC TRAFFIC FROM WASHINGTON, THE INITIAL IMPASSE BETWEEN  
CISCO AND THE DEPARTMENT WAS RESOLVED AND AGREEMENT WAS  
REACHED ON THE GUIDANCE SUBSEQUENTLY SENT TO ME (STATE 253939).  
OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST WAS CAULFIELD'S STATEMENT THAT  
CAMPBELL SR., INCREASINGLY DISSATISFIED WITH WHAT HE REGARDS  
AS INACTION BY THE USG, HAS MANAGED TO AROUSE CERTAIN AMOUNT  
OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE FATE OF THE CISCO TWO, AND

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HAS ALSO MANAGED TO GET THE PARENTS OF BOWIDOWICZ AND

STRICKLAND SUFFICIENTLY INTERESTED TO JOIN HIM IN COMING TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT NEXT WEEK.

B. I THEN GAVE A POLITICAL/SECURITY BRIEFING ON THE ERITREAN SITUATION.

C. OF FURTHER INTEREST WAS CAULFIELD'S STATEMENT THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY ADM. NAGLER, OIC COMNAVTELCOM IN WASHINGTON, THAT THE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE ON THE BASIS OF A REQUEST FROM STATE TO DOD THAT KAGNEW STATION WAS TO REMAIN IN OPERATION INDEFINITELY. NAGLER THEN PUT THE QUESTION TO CISCO AS TO HOW LONG THE NAVY COULD EXPECT THE COMPANY TO CONTINUE TO MEET THE TERMS OF ITS PRESENT CONTRACT, WHICH EXPIRES NEXT YEAR, AND WHETHER CISCO COULD BE RELIED UPON TO PICK UP A FOLLOW-ON CONTRACT. CISCO'S REPLY TO BOTH QUERIES WAS POSITIVE, SO WE CAN EXPECT CISCO TO REMAIN AT KAGNEW AS LONG AS THE STATION CONTINUES TO OPERATE. ON THE QUESTION OF STAFFING THE STATION WHICH IS NOT A MATTER THAT I CHOSE TO COMMENT ON, AGREEMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REACHED ON A LEVEL, INCLUDING FUNDING FOR NECESSARY OVERTIME, SATISFACTORY BOTH TO THE CONTRACTOR AND TO THE NAVY.

D. I AM INFORMED BY OIC NAVCOMMUNIT ASMARA THAT THREE TO FOUR DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE NEW CABLE SUPPLIES NOW IN ADDIS, KAGNEW WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM ITS SECONDARY MISSION AT A LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT. IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PERFORM ITS PRIMARY MISSION UNTIL DEC. 31 AT EARLIEST.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE SOONEST. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SHERRY MAKE ONE OF HIS PERIODIC VISITS TO ADDIS NEXT WEEK AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL HAVE DEPARTMENT'S THOUGHTS BEFORE HE ARRIVES.  
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